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AT&T and T-Mobile: Wireless megamerger (roundup)

by CNET News staff PrintE-mail.Share43 comments The No. 2 and No. 4 wireless carriers announce a \$39 billion merger deal that would create a company with nearly 130 million subscribers, easily leapfrogging Verizon Wireless for the No. 1 spot.

T-Mobile responds to opponents of AT&T merger

T-Mobile responded Tuesday to filings and comments made by opponents of the \$39 billion deal to merge with AT&T.

(Posted in Signal Strength by Marguerite Reardon)

June 21, 2011 3:39 PM PDT

NY State commission cautions FCC on AT&T-T-Mobile merger

In a letter to the FCC, the New York State Public Service Commission says that New York consumers will be significantly and disproportionately affected by the merger.

- Sprint counters AT&T's spectrum claims

(Posted in Dialed In by Kent German)

June 20, 2011 2:29 PM PDT

Despite looming buyout, T-Mobile powers on

T-Mobile may be prepping for an AT&T buyout, but the carrier remains just as active as ever in releasing new smartphones, tablets, and services until the FCC makes its call.

(Posted in Dialed In by Jessica Dolcourt)

June 16, 2011 11:27 AM PDT

Civil rights groups line up behind AT&T-T-Mobile

AT&T is getting support from all corners for its bid for T-Mobile, even from groups like GLAAD, the NAACP, and the Sierra Club.

(Posted in Dialed In by Kent German)

June 15, 2011 12:08 PM PDT

States weigh in on AT&T-T-Mobile merger

So far, 20 state governments have voiced an opinion on the proposed merger between T-Mobile and AT&T. Most are in favor, but a few are expressing concern.

(Posted in Dialed In by Kent German)

June 14, 2011 1:11 PM PDT

Sprint the winner if AT&T absorbs T-Mobile?

commentary Sprint has done a better job than any other provider of firmly anchoring itself as a low-cost option. It's also done a better job of improving customer service.

(Posted in (Posted in Wireless by Roger Entner)

June 6, 2011 5:39 AM PDT

AT&T: Support growing for T-Mobile merger

The carrier says that major groups including the AFL-CIO and NAACP, along with 15 state governors, are giving a thumbs-up to its proposed takeover of T-Mobile USA.

(Posted in The Digital Home by Don Reisinger)

June 3, 2011 8:16 AM PDT

Sprint asks FCC to block AT&T, T-Mobile merger

In an official filing before the Federal Communications Commission, Sprint claims that the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile has "no public interest."

(Posted in Dialed In by Kent German)

May 31, 2011 2:08 PM PDT

AT&T to Congress: T-Mobile buy good for consumers

The phone giant's CEO defends the proposed acquisition to lawmakers, who question the company about market concentration and potential job losses.

(Posted in Wireless by Jay Greene)

May 26, 2011 9:54 AM PDT

For AT&T merger, Sprint dusts off its Christmas list

Sprint recently asked Congress to block the AT&T-T-Mobile merger because of its impact on competition for cellular backhaul. But the merger has nothing to do with backhaul--only on Sprint's bottom line.

(Posted in Wireless by Larry Downes)

May 25, 2011 4:00 AM PDT

Report: AT&T pays \$6B if T-Mobile deal fails

If the acquisition collapses, the carrier would be forced to fork over cash, services, and assets worth \$6 billion to T-Mobile USA parent Deutsche Telekom, according to Reuters.

(Posted in The Digital Home by Don Reisinger)

May 13, 2011 7:03 AM PDT

AT&T defends T-Mobile deal to U.S. Senate

AT&T didn't find many allies at U.S. Senate hearing, where politicians claimed the proposed \$39 billion deal would lead to less competition and create a mobile "duopoly."

(Posted in Wireless by Declan McCullagh)

May 11, 2011 10:34 AM PDT

Is AT&T a wireless spectrum hog?

Without T-Mobile's spectrum, AT&T says its customers will experience more dropped calls and slower data connections, but AT&T already has more spectrum than any other carrier. How much is enough?

(Posted in Signal Strength by Marguerite Reardon)

April 29, 2011 4:00 AM PDT

AT&T files merger papers with FCC

AT&T filed official paperwork with the Federal Communications Commission that announces its intention to acquire T-Mobile and its spectrum licenses.

- Video: What consumers think about AT&T and T-Mobile merging

(Posted in Dialed In by Kent German)

April 21, 2011 4:24 PM PT

FCC begins review of AT&T's T-Mobile bid

The agency is ready to formally look into how the proposed \$39 billion merger might affect

competition, while the Justice Department considers antitrust issues.

- T-Mobile undercuts rivals on 'unlimited' plan

(Posted in Signal Strength by Marguerite Reardon)

April 14, 2011 10:53 AM PDT

Ask Maggie: AT&T to cut T-Mobile Wi-Fi call feature?

In this week's column Maggie answers another question about the AT&T and T-Mobile deal. Also: Why Samsung is slow in sending Android updates, and advice to a Boost Mobile customer.

- Ask Maggie: Will AT&T ax T-Mobile phones?

(Posted in Signal Strength by Marguerite Reardon)

April 8, 2011 4:00 AM PDT

New York to scrutinize AT&T's T-Mobile deal

The state's attorney general plans to analyze the proposed merger to ensure that it doesn't harm New York wireless consumers.

(Posted in Signal Strength by Marguerite Reardon)

March 29, 2011 11:12 a.m. PT

Sprint to fight AT&T-T-Mobile merger

Sprint, the No. 3 wireless provider in the U.S., says the merger would undo nearly three decades of work by the U.S. government to modernize the telecom sector and open markets to competition.

(Posted in Dialed In by Bonnie Cha)

March 28, 2011 1:30 p.m. PT

MetroPCS to focus on Android, LTE

AT&T and T-Mobile's merger would put the nation's fifth largest carrier in the No. 4 position. We asked MetroPCS what that might mean for it, and what its plans are.

(Posted in CTIA 2011 by Jessica Dolcourt)

March 25, 2011 8:39 a.m. PT

Ask Maggie: Can I cancel T-Mobile post-AT&T merger?

This week CNET mobile maven Maggie Reardon offers her perspective on whether disgruntled T-Mobile customers will be able to cancel their contracts if the feds OK the acquisition.

(Posted in Signal Strength by Marguerite Reardon)

March 25, 2011 4:00 a.m. PT

What does the AT&T-T-Mobile merger mean to you?

faq In a nutshell, consumers will have fewer choices when it comes to wireless service. But current AT&T and T-Mobile customers may experience improved service quality.

(Posted in Signal Strength by Marguerite Reardon)

March 23, 2011 4:00 a.m. PT

Wireless CEOs spar onstage at CTIA

Chief executives of AT&T, Verizon Wireless, and Sprint are forced to discuss the elephant in the room: AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile USA.

- Audi signs T-Mobile, gets AT&T

(Posted in Signal Strength by Marguerite Reardon)

March 22, 2011 8:17 a.m. PT

What would AT&T, T-Mobile deal mean for Sprint?

Sprint Nextel may find it difficult to compete on its own if the deal between AT&T and T-Mobile is eventually approved by regulators.

- Sprint: Google Voice deal 'extremely important'

(Posted in Signal Strength by Marguerite Reardon)

March 21, 2011 9:56 p.m. PT

AT&T plans to buy T-Mobile

AT&T: Buying T-Mobile speeds LTE shift in U.S.

Facing regulatory scrutiny, AT&T argues that buying T-Mobile USA will bring next-gen mobile networks to more Americans at a quicker clip and make the United States more competitive.

- Study: Verizon fastest among 4G networks

(Posted in Deep Tech by Stephen Shankland)

March 21, 2011 7:52 a.m. PDT

T-Mobile acquisition may face regulatory hurdles

No. 2 AT&T's \$39 billion proposed acquisition of No. 4 T-Mobile USA may make sense from a

technology perspective, but the companies are likely to face scrutiny from regulators.

(Posted in Signal Strength by Marguerite Reardon)

March 20, 2011 6:02 p.m. PT

AT&T and T-Mobile: Good for whom?

analysis AT&T announces it will acquire T-Mobile for \$39 billion. Though the carrier is preaching nothing but upsides for T-Mobile customers, I'm not so sure.

- Video: What consumers think about AT&T and T-Mobile merging

(Posted in Dialed In by Kent German)

March 20, 2011 8:09 p.m. PT

AT&T and T-Mobile--listen before you judge

analysis Consumer advocates have already condemned the AT&T and T-Mobile USA as "unthinkable." But Larry Downes argues jumping to conclusions doesn't help anyone, especially consumers.

(Posted in Signal Strength by Larry Downes)

March 20, 2011 6:02 p.m. PT

T-Mobile: Business as usual for now

In the wake of the AT&T acquisition news, T-Mobile assures its customers that nothing will change. At least for the next 12 months.

(Posted in Dialed In by Bonnie Cha)

March 20, 2011 2:54 p.m. PT

AT&T-T-Mobile merger: By the numbers

On the cusp of a historic mobile operator merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, a look at some key stats.

(Posted in Dialed In by Jessica Dolcourt)

March 20, 2011 6:16 p.m. PT

Current AT&T and T-Mobile plans compared

After the AT&T and T-Mobile merger news broke, one of the first concerns many T-Mobile customers

had was with pricing plans.

(Posted in Dialed In by Nicole Lee)

March 20, 2011 9:51 p.m. PT

Will AT&T kill T-Mobile's lovely anti-AT&T ads?

The news that T-Mobile USA is being bought by AT&T might mean the end of the T-Mobile campaign that attacks, um, AT&T.

(Posted in Technically Incorrect by Chris Matyszczyk)

March 20, 2011 1:58 p.m. PT

AT&T to acquire T-Mobile USA for \$39 billion

T-Mobile's 33 million subscribers will give AT&T the dominant position in the mobile market and leave the U.S. with only one GSM carrier.

(Posted in Wireless by Steven Musil)

March 20, 2011 12:03 p.m. PT.

comments

by PulSamsara (367 comments) March 20, 2011 10:08 PM PDT

Ax this deal ! Bad for consumers !

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by doubtthat (356 comments) March 21, 2011 4:11 AM PDT

Yea, but can you hear me now?

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by Ratnok (1542 comments) March 21, 2011 10:05 AM PDT

AT&T is the Devil.

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by SumDuud (602 comments) March 21, 2011 10:20 AM PDT

When AT&T acquired Bellsouth (and thus Cingular) it wasn't super hot for the employees and I guess some of the customers weren't thrilled. But when they then sold parts off less than a year later, I (and every employee I knew) loved the severance package they provided. I personally like my AT&T service. I guess I am in the minority. Its way better than the sprint service I had before. Even the customer service I've had was good...

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by only_truth (200 comments) March 23, 2011 8:25 AM PDT

Cingular took over AT&T, not the other way around. That put AT&T, a more familiar name, on top of Verizon. In turn, Verizon took over Altel. After T-mobile, you have to wonder how long it will be before Verizon takes on Sprint. It's a GSM/CDMA battle.

Like this .by Shinespark (349 comments) April 29, 2011 1:38 PM PDT

I don't think anyone is currently keen on subsuming Sprint's 50 billion in debt.

Like this .by amallred (4 comments) March 21, 2011 10:46 AM PDT

I am Locutus - of AT&T. Resistance - is futile. Your life, as it has been - is over. From this time forward, you will service - us.

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by Wrong_Number (49 comments) March 21, 2011 10:32 PM PDT

Ah Star Trek References, Priceless.

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by _TiMe4TeCh_ (3 comments) March 29, 2011 1:51 PM PDT

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Like this .by chronoex (214 comments) March 21, 2011 11:52 AM PDT

There's no way this can go through. It's too big, and it leaves too few companies competing in the market, with virtually no room left for a smaller player to get bigger. It's completely anti-competitive and it's the very reason that we have anti-trust laws in place in the US.

If, for some reason, this does manage to make it through the system and become a reality it will be a dark day for American wireless subscribers.

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by SRCV (1 comment) March 21, 2011 2:29 PM PDT

It's only going to make AT&T a bigger pain in the butt !!!

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by jaydee789 (1 comment) March 21, 2011 2:48 PM PDT

You gotta be kidding !!

A T & T is overpriced !!!!!

You will be a "prisoner" of A T & T if you are presently a T-Mobile Customer !!!

T-Mobile Custos should have a choice of carriers; not get "slam-dunked" into A T & T

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by jl-florida (5 comments) April 3, 2011 8:42 AM PDT

The amusing thing about all of this is the first joint venture that took place between AT&T and Cingular left me with a less than desirable taste in my mouth - I broke my contract, got a lawyer and won the case preventing AT&T/Cingular from coming after me for the breach of contract/extortion fees... At that point, I went to T-Mobile - after 6 years of awesome service, NO difficulties, NO billing issues etc., I'm getting involuntarily stuck with AT&T once again.

Not only should this be considered a monopoly by the federal government and prevented from happening, AT&T deserves to go down for their lack of innovation. How is it that their network has the #1 amount of dropped calls in the nation (Sprint next in line), the WORST customer service ratings imaginable in the industry, second in highest monthly fees, but they could afford to make a \$39-billion merger with T-Mobile happen rather than keeping up with the times and making the necessary upgrades to their antiquated network equipment?

This whole situation has a foul odor to it that just WILL NOT GO AWAY.

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by deecee (446 comments) April 14, 2011 1:06 PM PDT

@jl-florida

Because a company buys another with equivalent share of stocks combined with cash, but to upgrade network takes COLD HARD CASH, it's not like AT&T could just go to Broadcom or Acatel or Ericsson or whatever wireless end station vendor and say "here's some AT&T stock, can I get some towers for that".

Like this .by mdarmocida (60 comments) March 21, 2011 3:47 PM PDT

ATT rules, T-Mobile sucks! nuff said.

Like this Reply to this comment .by usdoc1 (36 comments) March 21, 2011 4:09 PM PDT

Two call droppers join = May God help us all.

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by jbm98 (10 comments) March 21, 2011 4:34 PM PDT

FORGET IT --- AT& T IS WORTHLESS ---- T-MOBILE DOES NOT NEED TO END UP LIKE AT&T

IF AT&T want to screw T-Mobile -- the T-Mobile customers need to do a MAJOR CLASS ACTION LAW SUIT AGAINST AT&T FOR \$50Billion. I intend to check with the FCC & get more info.

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by jbm98 (10 comments) March 21, 2011 4:37 PM PDT

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by wells2269 (8 comments) March 22, 2011 8:44 AM PDT

50 billion? id say you sound like a whiney liberal / lawyer. But then you said to get rid of Obama (notice no H) as well. Its called capitalism, its what this great country was founded on. When Microsoft was sued years ago that was stupid as well. If you dont like it, don't use the product. If you want to be unhappy, then be unhappy with the T-Mobile board of directors tha approve the deal. And FYI, Presidents don't approve these types of things.

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by deecee (446 comments) April 22, 2011 1:51 PM PDT

@wells2269,

Smart guy, it's not just T-mobile and AT&T boards that can approve the merger, the FCC and the FTC has to as well for anti-trust reasons, that's what jbmcc98 is referring to regarding the election. Presidents surely don't approve anti-trust issues,, but they appoint the chairmen for those comissions don't they? Also if the president goes over to FCC chairman and states "Are you kidding, you want to leave the American people with only 1 GSM provider and a crappy one at that?", you can be sure the merger WILL NOT be approved.

Like this .by VegasSmitty (32 comments) March 21, 2011 5:05 PM PDT

I had AT&T and now have T-Mobile, which I'm much happier with, better service, better pricing. The day they merge is the day I cancell my account. I won't put up with AT&T again.

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by wildlife lover (6 comments) March 22, 2011 8:46 AM PDT

When AT&T bought BellSouth, I was unhappy with its billing so I closed my home phone. Now I am under T-Mobile since in 2003. Will watch up to a year if it transfer into AT&T, I will close my account.

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by dynodeanmccabe (5 comments) March 21, 2011 6:18 PM PDT

I guess I'm in the minority. I switched to AT&T from T-Mobile a couple of years ago have not had a problem, nor do I regret the move. I actually like where AT&T is going, before the merge/take over. I just hope they stick to their game plan and not let bad decision making (T-Mobile) affect their outlook. BTW, Verizon has got to be the worst carrier, customer service, and corporate base out there. For those of you who think AT&T prices and plans are high you really haven't checked into Verizon's corporate strategy. Talk about greed? Please spare me with the AT&T wrath, fire, and brimstone analogies. Sling your arrows hither.

~D

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by deecee (446 comments) April 22, 2011 1:55 PM PDT

Verizon is a complete cesspool of corporate greedy, the pinnacle of anti-consumerism and a devil

spawn, there I said it, devil spawn...

Like this .by Malard (3 comments) March 21, 2011 8:26 PM PDT

I will be closing my t-mobile account that I have had for seven years.

at & t is a morally corrupt company.

Verizon will be my new carrier.

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by wildlife lover (6 comments) March 22, 2011 8:37 AM PDT

i am warning you that Verizon will charge you more than t-mobile's. Keep with t-mobile for a year and see what happens.

Like this .by wildlife lover (6 comments) March 22, 2011 8:49 AM PDT

Wait until then you can close your account if it transfer into AT&T's like it happened to BellSouth. I closed home phone account after 3 months.

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by weegg (767 comments) March 22, 2011 6:05 AM PDT

Only allow the merge if ATT cuts its subscription plans by 50% to consumers for the next 10 years.

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by phoenix381 (1 comment) March 22, 2011 3:58 PM PDT

AT&T phone service is spotty at best. Where's a government regulator when you need one? I remember the old days with Ma Bell and large conglomerates do not favor the customer, only the stock holders. Notice the \$4 gasoline based on "futures" and not real conditions?

I say stop this merger immediately until AT&T gets their act together. My 3G doesn't even work unless I stand very still outside in a clear area. Great reception. In Europe they can call from basements. Why not here? Free enterprise or regulatory-free greed?

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by contessa777 (1 comment) March 22, 2011 6:10 PM PDT

I have been with T-Mobile for 8 or 9 years, They have great customer support and I like their prices. I will most likely jump ship when AT&T takes over. They are so going to screw us on pricing, etc.

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by deecee (446 comments) April 14, 2011 1:14 PM PDT

Once T-mobile goes, you really don't have much choice for low price providers, ever look at AT&T pricing, and then look at Verizon pricing. T-mobile makes AT&T look like a rip-off, but AT&T makes Verizon looks like a highway robbery!! This is even with corporate discount.

Like this .by dnb10 (3 comments) March 22, 2011 11:31 PM PDT

Yeah i don't like it because who know what happen to mine data plan. But is me or all cell phone network switching to LTE which use GSM in next couple of years. So Sprint and Verizon are going to be on GSM we still have choice but a smaller one I doubt FCC will block this merger.

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by deecee (446 comments) April 14, 2011 1:16 PM PDT

You won't see a overall transfer of GSM to LTE for at least the next decade, LTE doesn't support voice traffic directly, and VOIP over LTE doesn't have the quality of service, so AT&T and T-mobile merger will severely limit consumer choice. I don't understand why they even try, because it's highly likely this will be blocked due to regulatory concerns, that or I am truly dissappoint at the regulatory body, not that I have high expectation to start with.

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